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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Other Individuals and Organizations Involved or Interviewed

Elrod, John Franklin

Date August 11, 1964

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JOHN FRANKLIN ELROD, an inmate of the Shelby County, Tennessee, Jail, as of August 11, 1964, furnished the following information:

ELROD currently lives at Memphis, Tennessee, and has been staying at the Harbor House, Memphis, prior to the time of his arrest for which he was placed in jail on August 11, 1964. The Harbor House, 1369 Court Avenue, Memphis, is a home for alcoholics, and ELROD stated that he, himself, is an alcoholic.

ELROD had come to the Shelby County Sheriff's Office during the early morning hours of August 11, 1964, after having consumed some beer and vodka. He was at that time in possession of a sawed-off 12 gauge shotgun which had a pistol grip. He stated that he had begun to think of the possibilities of killing his wife from whom he is now separated. Inasmuch as he had the sawed-off shotgun and the desire to kill her was known to him, he decided he should come to the Sheriff's Office and talk, which he did.

He further advised that he had been somewhat troubled by events which occurred immediately following the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY at Dallas, Texas, on November 11, 1963.

Shortly after the assassination of the President, ELROD, who had been about two and one half miles from the scene of the assassination at Lemon and Oaklawn Streets in Dallas, was arrested by the Dallas Police Department and placed in the City Jail. His arrest had nothing to do with the assassination of the President, and he knew nothing concerning the assassination of the President. At the City Jail in Dallas, he was placed in Cell 10 on the fifth floor, and at that time his cellmate was a man whose identity he could not recall. An individual, whose face was smashed up, was brought into the hallway of the jail where ELROD and his cellmate could observe him. At that time the unknown cellmate made some mention that he had known this man with the injured face as a result of meeting him at a motel. The cellmate stated that five men had met at a motel, and they had been advanced some money under some type contract. One of these men was reported to have

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by SA FRANCIS B. COLE and SA NORMAN L. CASEY/lh Date dictated 8/11/64

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received $5,000. The man with the injured face had received some money, and he was reported to have been driving a Thunderbird automobile with a large quantity of guns contained therein. ELROD advised he was confined in the Dallas City Jail for a period of 72 hours, and he was confused at this time concerning the events which occurred. He stated he could not recall whether JACK RUBY's name had been mentioned prior to the time of the killing of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, but that this cellmate at some time had told him that one of the men who had been at the motel referred to above, name and location unknown, had been JACK RUBY. This was all the information which ELROD could recall.

He stated that on several occasions he has had difficulty remembering due to his extreme use of alcohol. He knew nothing concerning the assassination of the President, the involvement of JACK RUBY in the killing of HARVEY LEE OSWALD, or of any information concerning the possibility of the receipt of money by JACK RUBY, except the hearsay information he had received from his unknown cellmate.

ELROD is described as follows:

Race	white
Sex	male
Date of birth	November 12, 1932
Place of birth	Bassett, Arkansas
Height	5'11½"
Weight	180 lbs.
Complexion	medium
Occupation	cook
Wife	JACKIE PAT ELROD nee Richards, 2816 Morris, Dallas, Texas
Father	HOBSON ELROD, Bassett, Arkansas
Scars and marks	one and one-half inch cut scar on forehead; little finger, left hand, off at first joint; left arm is undersized.

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The identification record of JOHN FRANKLIN ELROD, FBI number 91 666 E, dated August 12, 1964, which follows, does not reflect incarceration of ELROD in the Dallas City Jail as claimed:

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME & NO.	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Dallas Texas	John Franklin Elrod #E-17848	5/23/61	DWI & Inv (vio State Barb Law)	
SO Dallas	John Franklin Elrod #116211	2/14/62	DWI #15345-C	3 das jail & F & C Pd in JOL
SO Dallas Texas	James F. O. Elrod #116211	11/15/62	T/over #9921	no billed GJ
SO Quitman Texas	John Elrod #1057	3/19/63	Simple aslt	
SO Memphis Tenn	John Franklin Elrod #29001	8/11/64	inv Hom Div	hold for Fed Auth